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GRANTS FOR AIDS PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United Nations Foundation and the Netherlands have announced a grant of U.S. Dollar 2.8 million each to the UN AIDS awareness programme against HIV/AIDS in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) has cancelled its sponsorship of the classical music show on Doordarshan;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the other options being considered by the Government to create awareness of AIDS in rural and urban areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Project CHARCA, which aims to address information needs of young people particularly young girls on HIV/AIDS will be implemented in six districts namely:

- Bellary (Karnataka)
- Guntur (Andhra Pradesh)
- Jaipur (Rajasthan)
- Aizwal (Mizoram)
- Kishanganj (Bihar)
- Kanpur (Uttar Pradesh)

and the project period is for 3 years i.e. April, 2002 till March, 2005.

(c)& (d) The Programme has been discontinued. The Joint Secretary and Financial Advisor has been asked to look into the matter by the Hon`ble Health and Family Welfare Minister.

(e) Various programmes are in operation to increase the level of awareness about HIV/AIDS among the people. These include:

- Family Health Awareness Campaigns in rural & urban slum areas.
- Mass Media campaigns through radio, television and print media.
- Targetted interventions programmes for high risk groups.